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TAC Minutes, 11/14/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 11/14/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: John Lentz, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte

Members of the Public Present: Sheri Baron, Maria Romano and Matt Geiten

- Public Comments.
 - Sheri Baron (10 Raleigh St.) and Maria Romano (25 Bates Road) attended to request TAC look at traffic calming on Bates Road. Ms. Romano suggested a temporary speed table at Raleigh and Bates be tried. TAC established a Working Group, Corey, Howard and Scott. Howard will lead. He will contact Sheri or Maria for neighborhood input.
 - Route 2 and Pleasant Street pedestrian crossing. Matt Geiten (22 Irving) attended the meeting to inform TAC about concurrent pedestrian signals that don't work well for crossing the Route 2 service road at Pleasant St (Rte. 60) He is walking to Arlington from the 76 bus from Belmont, and there is no exclusive walk signal. TAC asked to look at the signal plan. Wayne will meet Mr. Geiten at the intersection.
- Mystic Wine Shoppe. Eric and Jake Faiola attended the meeting, in order to discuss the parking in front of their planned liquor store at 901 Mass. Ave., in an existing building now under renovation. The Building Inspector has said they need 7 parking spots. TAC and shop owners discussed possible solutions, noting an interest in a safe separation of the parking and sidewalk.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 10/10/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Russell Place. A request came to the Board about cut through traffic and speeding. Working Group was formed—Elisabeth and Rich T. May need more volunteers.
- Jason Street cut through traffic. Working Group met with Steve Byrne to set up first meeting, scheduled for Dec. 5. This will be primarily information gathering.

Town reports.

- Wayne submitted a written report. Downing Square is scheduled for a spring/summer construction.
- Laura reported that the Key Bus Routes Program is out for comments on the Route 77 design.

Working Group will divide it up and review. CLAMP submission of plans to MassDOT is expected Nov. 21. Public Hearing will follow. The Parking Study Working Group has hired a contractor to collect data on occupancy and turnover in Arlington Center, both on street and in Town lots. Counts will occur on November 15 and 17th, a Thursday and a Saturday.

- Corey reported that there will be discussion of adjustments to parking on Forest Street.
- Park/Wachusett. No report. Working Group will be formed.
- Forest/Brand. Wayne and Corey will meet on site.
- Wollaston Ave. Fire Chief has responded to inquiry saying that fire apparatus can drive on this street. Therefore, it is not an emergency that would necessitate the Town taking over this private way. Jeff will get in touch with original contact.
- Bike Pavement Marking Program. DPW initiated a joint TAC / ABAC working group to formulate a policy for bicycle accommodation when roads are repaved. Recent Mass. Ave. striping between Lockeland Avenue and Brattle Street won't interfere with painting of future bike lanes or sharrows.
- Lowell St. @ Westmoreland. Added to Crosswalk Flag Program. All but one location (requiring new sign posts) now in place for this year, a total of seven locations in Town.
- Lake Street Corridor. Working Group developed a model that included a full signal at bike path coordinated with signal at Brooks. Corey suggested gates to encourage bike riders to stop. Also want to wait and see how Mill Street/bike path crossing is working.
- Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Working Group will meet next week to look at data.
- Sidewalk Inventory. Scott suggested that we look at sidewalks around Thompson School before it reopens in September, 2013. Jean will do walkability and sidewalk inventory around Bishop School.
- Schools. Corey asked why Ottoson has no school zone. Jeff will look at regs.
- Crosswalk on Ridge at Crosby. Working Group submitted a report with recommendation of moving crosswalk to the east side of the intersection and installing handicap ramps. Board amended recommendation to include installing signs for pedestrian crosswalk warning. Voted unanimously. Elisabeth will prepare a report to the Selectmen.
- Egerton/Herbert. Very wide intersection. Scott is preparing a report for next month recommending a marked crosswalk across Egerton, on the north side of Herbert, and a defined stop bar.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for October: Agenda, 11/14/12; Minutes of 10/10/12; 2013 Meeting Dates; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Jeff Maxtutis and Howard Muise Re. No Left Turns to Mass. Ave. @ Water Street and Spengler Way, dated October 17, 2012; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Jeff Maxtutis and Howard Muise Re. Speed Table on Bates Road, dated October 18, 2012; Memo to Marie Krepelka from Officer Corey Rateau Re. Bates Road, dated October 11, 2012, with attachments; Email from Martin K to Jeff Maxtutis, Howards Muise, Ed Starr, and Laura Wiener Re. TAC:Water St/Winslow St/Mystic St., dated October 12, 2012; Working Group List, 11/14/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 11/14/12; Individual Action List from 10/10/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 11/14/12;
- Ridge Street & Crosby Street Crosswalk, 11/14/12
- Memo to TAC From WAC, Dated 11/14/12, Re. TAC Update Items
- Memo to Board of Selectmen from TAC Re. STOP Sign Control on Lockland Ave and Field Street at Wildwood Ave, dated 11/14/12

